



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 07, 2014

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from January 31, 2013 – February 06, 2014. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov))

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## INCIDENTS

### **Bad Check 14-01393**

**100 Block Center Street, North**

**Between January 01 at 12:00 p.m. and February 03 at 2:32 p.m.**

A resident reported he had been given a check for services provided to a customer. The resident stated when he deposited the check to his bank account he was informed that the account had been closed.

The resident stated he had made several attempts to meet with the customer to settle the account but each time a meeting was set the customer would either cancel the meeting or failed to show up.

This case is being investigated.

**Fraud 14-01537****300 Block Blair Court, NW****Between January 21 at 9:00 a.m. and February 05 at 9:00 a.m.**

A resident was alerted by her credit card company that there had been several charges made to her credit card which may have been fraudulent.

The resident reviewed her credit card statement and verified the charges had been made without her knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Trespassing 14-01250****100 Block Locust Street, SW****Between January 29 at 4:30 p.m. and January 31 at 4:21 p.m.**

A resident reported that he was in the process of having a home built when he noticed teenagers had been entering the property.

The resident was concerned that they might be injured and was requesting extra patrols until he was able to secure the residence.

**Fraud 14-01435****400 Block Orchard Street, NW****Between January 30 at 12:00 a.m. and February 03 at 4:17 p.m.**

A resident reported he had been contacted by Navy Federal Credit Union and informed that someone had been attempting to open several accounts using the residents' personal information.

After being made aware of the fraudulent attempts the resident performed a check on his remaining accounts and found that a wire transfer had been completed without his knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Police Service 14-01212****900 Block Glyndon Street, SE****January 31 8:54 a.m.**

A resident responded to the Vienna Police Station to turn in her son's BB Guns that were no longer needed.

The guns will be held at the police station until they can be destroyed.

**Civil Case 14-01243****300 Block East Street, SE****January 31 2:00 p.m.**

A resident responded to the Vienna Police Station to report that she and her ex-husband had been having disagreements concerning the custody agreement and care given to their son by the ex-husband.

PFC Myers informed the resident that this was a civil matter and not a matter for the police.

**Animal Case 14-01246****600 Block Frederick Street, SW****January 31 2:00 p.m.**

ACO Barker received a complaint of a barking dog in the neighborhood. The owner of the dog was contacted and informed of the town's Nuisance Barking Law and agreed to take the steps necessary to resolve the problem.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-01248****400 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE****January 31 3:07 p.m.**

Sgt. Sylmar was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic violation. As a result of the violation Sgt. Sylmar conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests he arrested Ms. Worishmin Dietrich, 49, of Onyx Drive in Mclean, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Dietrich was transported to the Vienna Police Station to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. After the analysis Ms. Dietrich was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Dietrich was to be held until she was sober.

**Trespassing 14-01249****Vienna Community Center****120 Cherry Street, SE****January 31 3:35 p.m.**

An employee reported an individual had been in the Community Center and was being disruptive and refusing to follow the rules of the Community Center.

PFC Vazquez responded and spoke with the individual who became argumentative with him. The employee requested that the he be asked to leave the Community Center and not return.

PFC Vazquez informed the individual of the employee's wishes and the terms of the Trespassing Law. He agreed to leave without further incident.

**Police Service 14-01258**  
**Vienna Police Station**  
**215 Center Street, South**  
**January 31 6:55 p.m.**

A resident responded to the Vienna Police Station in reference to a Protection Order that had been issued by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in his name.

Officer Herrera explained the terms of the Protective Order to the resident who agreed to comply with the order.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public 14-01278**  
**Tapawingo Road at Ware Street, SW**  
**February 01 2:14 a.m.**

Officer Herrera responded to the area in reference to an individual who had contacted the Fairfax County Dispatch Center and stated he was in need of help. After speaking with the individual Officer Herrera arrested Mr. Brian Gregory Murphy, 24, of Sugar Lane in Vienna for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Murphy was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

**Suspicious Event 14-01311**  
**100 Block James Drive, SW**  
**February 01 3:55 p.m.**

A resident reported that she had been alerted by her home security system that there may have been an intruder in her home.

MPO Shaw responded and waited for the resident to return home to allow him into the home. MPO Shaw searched the home and determined nothing appeared to be out of place. This was also confirmed by the homeowner.

**Police Service 14-01313**  
**Giant Shopping Center**  
**359 Maple Avenue, East**  
**February 01 5:02 p.m.**

PFC Vazquez responded to the area in reference to a report of a female who had been asking for money and gift cards from customers in the shopping center.

PFC Vazquez located the female and informed her that she would need to cease her panhandling.

The woman agreed to comply with his wishes and left the area.

**Vandalism 14-01346**  
**900 Block Fairway Drive, NE**  
**Between February 01 at 6:00 p.m. and February 02 at 8:25 a.m.**  
A resident reported that someone had damaged her mailbox.

**Vandalism 14-01354****900 Block Fairway Drive, NE****Between February 01 at 7:00 p.m. and February 02 at 8:42 a.m.**

PFC Vazquez was investigating a vandalism, (Case 14-01346 above), when he discovered a vehicle's outside mirror lying in the roadway. He also discovered a vehicle, similar in color to the mirror found, was parked near the vandalized mailbox.

PFC Vazquez located the owner of the vehicle who stated he was unaware of the damage to his vehicle or the damage to the mailbox. Upon further investigation PFC Vazquez determined the damage to the vehicle did not align with the damage to the mailbox and therefore a separate vandalism may have occurred.

**Animal Case 14-01323****700 Block Hunter Court, SW****February 01 9:27 p.m.**

A resident reported that a bat had entered her home and she was unsure if it had come in contact with herself or her cats.

Officer Digan responded and was able to catch the bat and placed it in a box. The box was then transported to the Vienna Police Station and safely secured in a temporary holding cell for safe keeping.

Officer Digan notified ACO Barker that the bat was being held at the Vienna Police Station until he was available to transport it to the Fairfax County Animal Control Center to be tested for Rabies.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

**Assault 14-01342****600 Block Pickett Place, SW****February 02 3:43 a.m.**

A citizen reported that she had been riding home from Washington D.C. with her boyfriend when they became involved in a heated argument. She stated her boyfriend pulled the vehicle to the side of the road and pulled her out of the vehicle and then struck her.

Officer Tremont responded and located the vehicle that the woman stated belonged to her boyfriend. Upon approaching the vehicle he located an individual who stated he was a friend of the vehicle owner and the female. He informed Officer Tremont that he had been asleep in the back seat and had not seen an assault take place. He also stated the owner of the vehicle left the area in a cab.

Officer Tremont contacted the woman's boyfriend who stated he had not struck his girlfriend and refused to answer any further questions.

During his conversation with the female Officer Tremont did not observe any signs that a physical altercation had taken place, therefore he informed her of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

**Destruction of Property 14-01451****100 Block Melody Lane, SE****February 02 5:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that her son had damaged two doors in her home.

MPO Evans informed the resident of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

**Police Service 14-01360****100 Block Oak Street, SW****February 02 2:12 p.m.**

A resident reported that he had recently fired an employee and was concerned that the employee may attempt to retaliate against him.

The resident was requesting that extra patrols be conducted by his residence.

**Domestic Dispute 14-01365****Creek Crossing Road at East Street, NE****February 02 4:11 p.m.**

PFC Vazquez responded to the area after a female telephoned dispatch and then immediately hung up. He searched the area but was unable to locate anyone who appeared to be in need of help. As he was leaving the area a male individual flagged him down and explained that he and his wife had been driving home when a heated argument ensued. The husband explained that he was afraid the argument was going to escalate to a physical altercation and decided to pull over and let his wife leave alone.

PFC Vazquez transported the husband home and after speaking with the wife, who confirmed the same facts of the incident as her husband. He determined that the dispute had not turned physical.

The husband agreed to leave the residence to allow for a cooling off period.

**Found Property 14-01368****Nutley Street at Roland Street, SW****February 02 5:08 p.m.**

A citizen turned in a Maryland Operators license that had been found in the roadway.

MPO Shaw attempted to contact the owner of the license but was unsuccessful. The license will be held at the Vienna Police Station until the owner can be contacted.

**Medical Case 14-01369****900 Block Fairway Drive, NE****February 02 7:17 p.m.**

Officer Herrera responded to a residence for a report of a female that may have been suffering from a medical emergency. Upon his arrival he was met by members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Officer Herrera spoke with the female who declined to be treated or transported to an area hospital.

**Grand Larceny 14-01452****100 Block Melody Lane, SE****February 03 between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.**

A resident reported someone had taken her Debit Card and made several charges in Washington, D.C. without her permission.

This case is being investigated.

**Suspicious Event 14-01400****900 Block Carole Court, SE****February 03 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:33 p.m.**

A resident reported that when she went to her vehicle in the morning she discovered a coiled up clothes hanger lying next to her car. She was worried the hanger may have been used in an attempt to enter her vehicle. After looking in her vehicle she stated nothing had been taken and it did not appear anyone had entered the vehicle.

**Suspicious Event 14-01380****Marshall Road Elementary School****730 Marshall Road, SW****February 03 8:22 a.m.**

An employee reported she found a baggie outside one of the doors, leading into the school. The employee was worried that the baggie may have contained an illegal substance.

Officer Kiley responded and after testing the substance determined that it was not anything illegal and discarded the baggie in the trash.

**Fraud 14-01459****200 Block Commons Drive, NW****February 03 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.**

A resident reported that she received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be her grandson. The caller stated he had been arrested and needed her to send money, via Western Union, to post his bail.

The resident telephoned her grandson to verify the claim given by the caller. Her grandson informed her that he had not been arrested and did not require bail money. The resident contacted Western Union and was informed that she had been the victim of a scam.

This case is being investigated.

**Note to Citizens:** *Residents have reported receiving telephone calls by individuals claiming to be a relative and they have been arrested. The caller states they are in jail and need funds to get bailed out. The caller requests credit card information and/or for the victim to wire funds via Western Union or other transfer company. **These types of calls are scams. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***



**Suspicious Event 14-01395****Vienna Pediatrics****410 Maple Avenue, East****February 03 3:00 p.m.**

An employee reported that her husband had been making repeated telephone calls to her while she was working.

She stated that she and her husband have been having an ongoing argument however it had not yet turned physical. The employee does not live in Vienna therefore she was provided with the telephone number for the police department that has jurisdiction in her area.

**Lost Property 14-01540****Giant Super Market****359 Maple Avenue, East****Between February 03 at 4:35 p.m. and February 06 at 4:35 p.m.**

A citizen reported he lost his blue briefcase in or around the store. The citizen stated he may have lost the briefcase when he was rushing to catch a bus.

**Police Service 14-01416****100 Block James Drive, SW****February 04 10:48 a.m.**

A resident reported she suspected that the other tenants in her residence may have been involved in illegal activity.

After speaking with the resident further Officer Kiley determined there was no evidence to support her allegations.

**Trespassing 14-01425****100 Block Melody Lane, SW****February 04 1:19 p.m.**

A resident reported that her son was acting out of control and she wanted him to leave her home and not return.

Officer Kiley informed the son of his mother's wishes at which time he agreed to leave and stay with a friend.

**Police Service 14-01434****Bellini Hair Salon****112 Pleasant Street, SW****February 04 5:10 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he went to pick his sister up from the salon and when he arrived she was gone. He stated he was worried that his sister may have been in trouble or had wandered off.

Officer Kiley responded and contacted Fairfax County Police who stated they had found the sister and she was fine.

**Domestic Dispute 14-01440**  
**100 Block Melody Lane, SW**  
**January 05 3:39 a.m.**

A resident reported that her son had returned to her home, after previously been told to stay away, and was acting in a manner that caused her to fear for her safety.

MPO Seitz responded and spoke with both the mother and son and determined that no physical altercation had occurred. The mother was provided alternative methods to handle the ongoing situation with her son.

**Fraud 14-01517**  
**100 Block Street, SW**  
**February 05 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that she received a telephone call from an individual stating the resident had won a "Jamaican Lottery". The resident was informed to send the caller \$250.00 in order to collect her money.

The resident informed the caller that she knew this was a scam and hung up on the caller.

**Note to citizens:** *Recently there have been reports of residents receiving telephone calls from individuals informing the resident that they have won money. However to receive the money you must make a payment, either by Western Union or a Green Dot Card, to pay for the taxes on the winnings. These types of calls are a scam. Do not send money or provide your personal information unless you have verified the authenticity of the caller.*

**Vandalism 14-01462**  
**300 Block Cabin Road, SE**  
**February 05 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:05 p.m.**

The owner of a legally parked vehicle reported that someone had scratched the rear driver's side door and punctured two of the tires.

**Domestic Assault 14-01450**  
**100 Block Melody Lane, SW**  
**January 05 10:37 a.m.**

A resident reported that she and her son had been involved in a physical altercation. PFC Vazquez responded to the scene and spoke with both the mother and her son. The mother stated she and her son became involved in a verbal argument that escalated when he pushed her.

PFC Vazquez also spoke with the son who stated he had not pushed his mother however she had pushed him. There were no injuries on either person to indicate that a physical altercation had taken place.

The son had injured his foot and was transported to an area hospital for treatment of the injury and the mother was informed of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

**Found Property 14-01461**  
**100 Block Elmar Drive, SE**  
**February 05 3:00 p.m.**

MPO Shaw responded to the area for the report of luggage lying in the roadway. He collected the luggage and located a name tag attached. He contacted the person named on the tag and was informed she had donated the luggage years ago and it no longer belonged to her.

The luggage, containing clothing as well as other miscellaneous items, will be held at the Vienna Police Station until the owner can be located.

**Narcotics Violation 14-01479**  
**Maple Avenue at East Street, NE**  
**February 05 11:39 p.m.**

Sgt. Juelharte was on patrol when she observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic violation. As a result of the traffic violation she conducted a traffic stop. Upon her interaction with the driver she detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Sgt. Juelharte identified the driver as a juvenile and after further interaction she located a measurable amount of marijuana. The juvenile's parents were contacted and responded to the location to take their son and the car home.

This case is being investigated.

**Fraud 14-01498**  
**900 Block Echols Street, SE**  
**February 06 9:10 a.m.**

A resident reported that he received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be an employee of "Winters' International" The caller informed the resident he had won money for paying his bills on time however the he would need to pay the taxes on the money before the winnings would be sent to him.

The resident realized this was a scam and did not send any money to the caller.

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## **CRASHES**

### **Maple Avenue at James Madison Drive, West 14-01252**

**January 31 5:35 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling west bound on Maple Avenue attempting to make a left turn into the McDonald's parking lot.

The driver of the second vehicle was exiting a parking lot and attempting to enter onto Maple Avenue, West and collided with the first vehicle.

### **Locust Street near Park Street, SE 14-01288**

**February 01 10:03 a.m.**

The owner of a legally parked vehicle discovered that her vehicle had been struck by an unknown vehicle.

### **Glyndon Street near Maple Avenue, East 14-01367**

**February 02 5:00 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling north bound on Glyndon Street approaching Maple Avenue, SE.

The driver of the second vehicle was attempting to exit a parking lot to enter onto Glyndon Street and collided with the first vehicle.

### **800 Block Ware Street, SW 14-01446**

**February 05 9:13 a.m.**

The driver of a vehicle was traveling north bound on Ware Street, SW.

The driver was traveling too fast for the weather conditions causing him to lose control of the vehicle, hitting the curb before coming to stop after striking a utility pole.

The driver was issued a summons for Reckless Driving – Too Fast for Road Condition.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **MEDIA RELEASES**

None.

## **OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES**

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*Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

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**Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.**

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!**  
**We WANT to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**

**Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6396.**